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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

On this day we are aware of all Your gifts to us, O gracious God, those gifts that brighten our days, that warm our hearts, and strengthen our spirits. We are especially conscious of the gift of friendship and those relationships that help bind us one to the other and give us a sense of unity in a common bond. With all the distractions that pull us from a noble vision of life, we are enthused that there are people who inspire and encourage us, whose loving concern lifts us up and helps point us in the way. For the gift of friendship that provides harmony and support in our lives, we offer this prayer of thanksgiving and praise. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. TRAFICANT] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TRAFICANT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO CONGRESSMAN AND MRS. CHET EDWARDS ON BIRTH OF SECOND SON

(Mr. GREEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate our colleague and our friend, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. EDWARDS], and his wife Lea Ann, and their son John Thomas on the birth of their second son, Garrison Alexander. Garrison Alexander was born at 10:32 on Sunday, July 6 at Hillcrest Baptist Hospital in Waco, TX. He weighed 6 pounds and 1 ounce.

Garrison Alexander is named in honor of his two grandmothers, Shirley Garrison Edwards and Patricia Alexander Wood. His 1½-year-old brother that all of us know as J.T. is named in honor of his two grandfathers, Rev. John A. Wood and Thomas Edwards.

I have had the pleasure of working with the gentleman from Texas [Mr. EDWARDS] on many issues that affect Texas and our Nation, and he represents his constituents with the highest degree of integrity. He is a devoted family man, and he will be a terrific father to Garrison, just like he has been to J.T. Both Edwards boys are very lucky to have such a loving family with CHET and Lea Ann.

I am also privileged to have the opportunity to play this small part with the Edwards family. We all wish heartfelt congratulations to the proud parents and hope the rest of Congress joins me in welcoming Garrison Alexander into this world. I want to thank CHET and Lea Ann as we celebrate bringing another Texan in to serve our Nation.

### GIVING CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, it is time to give credit where credit is due. In today's Washington Post on the front page there is an article announcing that the budget could be balanced ahead of schedule. The budget could be balanced as early as next year. How

can we explain this good news? Let us recall a little history.

In 1993, the President submitted a budget with huge deficits as far as the eye can see. In 1994, the President submitted a budget with huge deficits as far as the eye can see. In 1995, the President submitted three budgets with huge deficits as far as the eye can see.

But in 1995 a big change came to Washington. Republicans came to town promising to balance the budget and they were serious. They insisted that the President join us in an effort to balance the budget, and the President finally agreed. Our determination and seriousness is now paying off. We are perhaps only 1 year away from a balanced budget. That is a victory that all Americans should celebrate.

### CLEVELAND SHINES AS HOST OF ALL-STAR GAME

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate my city, Cleveland, OH, for its outstanding debut as America's All-Star city last night when the American League beat the National League 3 to 1 at Cleveland's Jacobs Field.

The All-Star victory was brought about through a dramatic two-run home run by Cleveland Indian Sandy Alomar, who was named the game's most valuable player. The midsummer night's classic showed Cleveland at its best, an All-Star city, a still-shining new Jacobs Field, the most enthusiastic fans anywhere, a first-rate, first-place team, the most valuable players.

When Sandy Alomar hit a home run to win the All-Star Game, he showed that Cleveland hits a home run every time it steps up to the plate nationally. Baseball, what a sport. The All-Star Game, what a game. Cleveland, what a city.

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